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Tidy Towns Competition - 2016 & 2017 Silver Medal Winner

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Ken Hughes, RIP

The family of the late Ken Hughes wish to thank their friends and neighbours who sympathised, attended the funeral service, and sent cards. We also wish to thank Fr. Jamie Twohig for a lovely Mass. The sum of €400 was collected for Cluine Mhuire Service.

TIDY TOWNS

Congrats for winning Silver Medal (2 years in a row!)

A big thank you to the Tidy Towns committee - organisers of the Four Castles Walk around Shankill on the October Bank Holiday morning, which I and forty or fifty others thoroughly enjoyed. A special word of appreciation to Rob Goodbody for his riveting commentary on the background history of the various buildings. Not to forget the allotment owners at Shanganagh Castle who laid on a welcoming cuppa with cakes and biscuits for the hungry walkers and Brady's of Shankill who also provided much appreciated refreshments.

Administration Assisitants Needed for Tidy Towns.
Please contact Chris on 087 6750720 or email Shankillmatters@gmail.com

GREAT SERVICE

I planned a lovely day out with a friend on 28th October. All I had to do before I headed off was to take my husband's car to the NCT Centre. With the tank virtually empty, I stopped for fuel at the Applegreen Service Station near St. Anne's Church. Things took a turn when I accidentally filled the diesel car with petrol. Imagine how I felt! I went straight in to the office where the team came to my rescue - with the telephone number on the ready, a professional callout service was phoned, and arrangements made. Everything was communicated very clearly. In addition, I was reminded that this does happen from time to time and I was given a cup of tea while I put in the 45-minute wait. The staff were cheerful and supportive. It was a costly mistake but Applegreen staff gave a first-class service. Sincere thanks to Niall, Conor and Sarah. All ended well. The car passed the NCT and I continued on my way.
(Local Resident)

SAVE THE DATE

The South Shankill Residents' Association Annual General Meeting will take place in the Bowling Club at 8pm on the evening of Tuesday 30th January 2018

CAIFÉ AGUS CÓMHRÁ AS GAEILGE

Bígí linn gach maidin Déardaoin
Café one: 11am - 12pm
Barbeque Centre Seanchill.
Join us for a coffee and chat on Thursday mornings and brush up on your Irish.
Glaoigh ar Sheán ar 087 690 0710

SANTA ARRIVING AT THE BARBEQUE CENTRE

On Sunday 10th December Santa will arrive at the Barbeque Centre with free gifts for the children from 1pm to 3pm. Not forgetting the adults there will be mince pies and hot port.

The traders will be open for business and an ideal time for you to order you fresh turkey and ham from Pat and Anna in the butchers.

CHURCH OF IRELAND PARISH OF RATHMICHAEL

Sunday 10th December 7:00pm

Blue Christmas

There will be a very quiet, sensitive service in the church for those who have good reason not to look forward to Christmas. It is primarily for those who may be lonely, sad, feel dejected, bereaved, grieving lost job, a lost pet, lost financial or emotional security, or concerned for a loved one.

This is not a service to 'rub in the agony', but rather it offers an opportunity to come away from the Christmas razzmatazz and glitz and be real with real people in a real church without the 'entertainment' factor. Some of us find the symbolism of lighting a candle an aid in our remembrance and prayer. Some don't, and that is fine too, but candles will be available.

Sunday 17th December 4:00pm

Service of 9 Lessons and Carols

Followed by seasonal refreshments in the Erck Hall

Christmas Eve Sunday 24th December 11.45pm

The First Communion of Christmas

Christmas Day, Monday 25th December

8.30am Holy Communion
11.00 am Family Service
11.45 am Holy Communion

You are cordially invited to join us at any or all of these services

ST. JAMES'S CRINKEN CHURCH

We would love you to join us over the Christmas period and a warm welcome awaits you. Wishing all readers a very Happy Christmas and peaceful New Year.

Sunday 10th December

11:00am Morning Praise
6.30pm Carols by Candlelight

Saturday 16th December

4:30pm Children's Lantern making workshop

followed by

5:00pm Community Lantern Walk

(Leave Crinken church car park at 5.00 around Shanganagh Park and back for hot chocolate)

Sunday 17th December

11:00am Morning praise

Christmas Eve Sunday 24th December

11:00am Morning Praise
4:00pm Kids carols

Christmas Day Monday 25th December

9.30am Holy Communion
10.30am Family Worship

ST. ANNE'S PARISH

Wednesday 13th December

8:15pm Parish Carol Service

Sunday 17th December

8:00pm Habemus Christmas Concert

Monday 18th December

8:00pm Confessions - Christmas Penitential Service (with visiting priests)

MASS TIMES

Christmas Eve

Sunday 24th December

8:00am, 10:30am, 12:00pm **Mass for Sunday**
6:00pm **Children's Mass**
8:00pm & 10:00pm **Mass for Christmas: Vigil Masses**

Christmas Day

Monday 25th December

8:00am, 9:00am, 10:30am, 12:00pm

The Citizens Information HELPLINE is: 0761 07 4000 - OR - Call in to the Citizens Information Centre at Marina House, Clarence Street, Dun Laoghaire at any time between 9.30 am and 4.00 pm, Monday to Friday. No appointment necessary. Clarence Street is the turning to the right at the traffic lights at the junction of Lower Georges Street, Cumberland Street and York Road, Dun Laoghaire. Citizens Information offers a free, confidential and impartial service to the citizens of Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown on a very wide range of issues. Phone Dun Laoghaire CIC at: 0761 07 7400.

"Saving the Planet"

From now on - Ireland's energy needs to be sustainable, secure, affordable and clean. To achieve this, Ireland must use less energy, move to clean energy and innovate to create new solutions to our energy needs.
Household Energy Savings - Some useful tips include:

- Let the light in – maximise natural daylight in your home – open curtains during the day
- Hot Water – Showers - A shower typically uses 20% of the energy compared to a full bath, so keep the bath as a treat. Taps - Don't leave the hot tap running - you are pouring energy and money down the drain.
- NEVER leave electrical appliances on "standby" – this wastes electricity and costs money. Plug out such appliances when not in use e.g. TVs, mobile phone chargers etc.
- When buying a new fridge or other "white" goods - look for the Triple A rating – the best rating
- Shop around for the best value gas and electricity provider for you and switch
- Use your Oven efficiently – cook as much as possible at the same time and avoid opening the oven door while cooking.
- Put Lids on Pots boiling on the stove and always turn down the heat when water starts to boil in pots on the stove
- Kettle - Don't boil full kettles for one cup of tea, but do make sure you have enough water to cover the element.
- Do not let frost build up in your freezer – try to defrost it every six months and keep your fridge / freezer in the coolest part of the kitchen
- Don't put warm or hot food straight into the fridge or freezer. The fridge or freezer has to work extra hard and draw more energy to cool it down. Thawing food in the fridge is better for keeping your food safe to eat and keeps the fridge cool.
- Get your BOILER serviced once a year – this ensures that it is working properly and will not break down when you most need it and also that you are maximising the efficiency of your heating system
- MORNING - set the timer for the heating to come on 30 minutes before you wake up in the morning and off again 30 minutes before you leave the house
- EVENING - set the timer for the heating to come on 30 minutes before you are due home and off again 30 minutes before you go to bed
- 20 degrees centigrade is recommended as the ideal temperature for the living areas in a house. You can make considerable savings on your heating bill (up to 10%) by turning the heating thermostat down by just ONE degree
- Open fires – be aware that, although open fires are so cosy, comforting and welcoming etc. – about 75 % of the heating is lost up the chimney. Efficient Stoves are more cost efficient than open fires
- If you only need to heat one room – use a free standing heater instead of turning on the whole system, it is cheaper. Use a free standing heater with thermostat controls and timer if possible
- Unused rooms – it is not necessary to have the heating on in these rooms all the time. Work out a plan to juggle the heating in these rooms over a time period, particularly during very cold weather – this will reduce the risk of condensation in those rooms
- Keep heavy curtains closed at night and ensure that the curtains do not hang over the tops of the radiators. A lot of heat is lost through windows
- Insulation – it is worthwhile insulating your attic (if not already done) or replacing the insulation if it is there a long time. Consideration should be given to insulating walls but one should get expert advice first to find out which method is best suited to your house. Grants are available from SEAI towards this work.
- Remote heating controls are available – you can use them to control your heating from your phone, tablet or computer. This might be useful if you work irregular hours
- If you are leaving the house unoccupied for an extended period during the winter – set your thermostat and timer to allow for a low level of heating each day – to reduce the risk of frost damage e.g. leaking pipes etc.

(Source: www.seai.ie) This SEAI website is very helpful for energy saving tips.

Recipes

by Vivien Reid

This recipe for Marinated beetroot to make in preparation for the Christmas wind down when lighter meals are a good way to use left over cold meats, smoked fish or cheese.

Marinated Beetroot

A great little make-ahead side dish that would work well with roasts and veggie feasts. Not quite pickled, these beetroot are still sweet but also a little sour.
650g/1lb 7oz raw beetroot
500ml/17fl oz white or red wine vinegar
2 litre/3½ pints water
pinch of salt
2 garlic cloves, sliced
1 tbsp dried oregano
1 red chilli, finely chopped
500ml/17fl oz olive oil

Wash and scrub the beetroot under cold running water. Place them in a saucepan with the vinegar, salt and water and bring to the boil. Reduce the heat, cover the pan and simmer for about 1¼ hours until the beetroot is tender. Meanwhile, combine all the marinade ingredients in a bowl and set aside.

Once the beetroot is cooked, drain, place on a cloth and pat dry. Remove the skins with the help of the cloth. Cut into slices, place in the marinade and mix well. Leave for a day before serving. The beetroot will keep for several days in a covered container in the fridge but should be brought to room temperature before serving.

Serve with cold meats, smoked fish or cheese.

The recipe for Leftover turkey and potato pie is tasty and warming after a refreshing walk in the park or on the beach on a wintry day.

Leftover Turkey and Potato Pie

Use up all your Christmas dinner leftovers with this ingenious pie - leftover turkey, parsnips and sprouts topped with roast potatoes
Serves 8

1 tbsp olive oil
1 onion, finely chopped
1 garlic clove, chopped
680g/1lb 8oz left over turkey, diced
6 tomatoes, seeds removed, diced
150ml/¼ pint chicken stock
1 tsp Worcestershire sauce
225g/8oz diced leftover vegetables (eg carrots, parsnips,sprouts)
115g/4oz frozen peas
salt and freshly ground black pepper
450g/1lb roast potatoes
25g/1oz melted butter

Heat the oil in a large pan and add the onion and chopped garlic. Cook until softened but not coloured. Add the chopped turkey meat and cook until lightly coloured.

Add the diced tomatoes, pour in the stock and Worcestershire sauce and bring to the boil.

Simmer until it starts to thicken, then add the diced vegetables and peas and bring up to the boil. Season with salt and freshly ground black pepper and pour into a large pie dish. Allow to cool. Preheat the oven to 200C/400F/ Gas 6. Slice the roast potatoes and lay carefully on top of the turkey mixture. Brush with melted butter and bake until hot in the middle and the potatoes are coloured, about 30 minutes.

Tip : use up leftover gravy to replace some of the stock and put mashed potatoes on top instead of roast if that is what you have.

Recipe from www.bbcgoodfood.co.uk

Loughlinstown Pitch & Putt Club

Dublin Scratch Cup Series Champion 2017

John Ross Crangle from Loughlinstown Pitch and Putt Club is crowned Champion of the Dublin Scratch Cup Series 2017. Seen here with Dublin County board chairman, Anthony Malone. The series began back in April and finished up with the finals been played in Loughlinstown Pitch and Putt Club on November 5th.

It was the perfect end to another another very successful year for John Ross and the Loughlinstown club. Loughlinstown Pitch and Putt Club would like to wish all our members and friends a very merry Christmas and a very happy new year.

Memberships are now open for 2018 and would make an ideal Christmas present, contact Aiden 0862365025.

Main Street Shankill, A Link To The Past

On a recent tidy up of the Village, an ivy clad metal fence post was uncovered. Once the rust was scraped away, it was ready for a fresh coat of paint. A festive red was chosen to restore the corner post to its former glory. On closer inspection, it is obvious there was great engineering craftmanship that went into its construction.

Maybe there is a local historian who may have information, on the origin and design of such fencing system. Another feature added to brighten up the street, serving as a hidden backdrop to the scrubs in tubs.

Acknowledgement to all those who contribute to making Shankill a place to be proud to live in.

Saint Joseph's Shankill
Dedicated to Dementia care

St. Joseph's Fundraiser

On Friday October 13th, 300 guests gathered in the sumptuous surroundings of Conrad Hotel, Dublin for an event that truly wowed everyone in attendance! The 2017 Irish Fashion Collective hosted by Conrad Dublin in association with Allianz was all in aid of Saint Joseph's Shankill; Dedicated to Dementia Care. The event is the brain child of Deborah Veale from her eponymous brand Deborah Veale, (whose father is a resident in Saint Joseph's Shankill).

Top international designer Don O'Neill was joined by Deborah, and Louise Kennedy, Umit Kutluk, Helen Cody, Helen Steele, Roisin Linnane with Melissa Curry, Aideen Bodkin, and Helen McAlinden. Don who is originally from Ballyheigue, Co Kerry has dressed some of the world's most recognisable women including Oprah Winfrey, Taylor Swift, Carrie Underwood, Norah Jones, and Khloe Kardashian. After the show, Don O'Neill said that the Irish Fashion Collective was like a Paris Fashion Week couture show!

The show was produced by leading stylist Catherine Condell and Lorraine Keane was on hand to compere the whole event, which raised over €45,000 and gave Saint Joseph's Shankill the platform to engage and inspire an audience that we would rarely have the chance to meet.

Saint Joseph's is the ONLY care home in Ireland solely dedicated to dementia care. With a vision to lead the way in dementia care in Ireland, providing highest quality, person centred care to our residents, where their home, happiness and feelings matter most to us. Aspiring to be the first Dementia Village in the country.

To find out more, or donate to the cause
www.saintjosephsshankill.ie

Don O'Neill and 2017 Bridal collection

A Christmas Wish for Saint Joseph's Shankill

Dedicated to Dementia Care

Dear Santa.....

Saint Joseph's Shankill is the only care home in Ireland that solely cares for people living with dementia. We are really proud to be the first dementia village in Ireland. We are so grateful for all the support given to us to create our village, but there is so much more to do.

11 people are diagnosed every day, with 55,000 people living with dementia in the country today. By 2040 this number will triple!

Next year we hope to help more people living with dementia and their carers in our community through education and support, and we will build a robust volunteer programme to help us with all our activities. Our choir will continue to sing loudly and beautifully and we will start a dance class too!

We can't do all this without help. So, Santa please on your travels encourage people to get involved here. They can volunteer or fundraise for us or simply just ask them to donate to Saint Joseph's so we can achieve our vision.....To create a community where anyone living with dementia can thrive and enjoy the remainder of their life.....,where they know that they matter and most of all where they feel at home. Happy Christmas Santa!

Love from all at Saint Joseph's Shankill

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PENSION NEWSFLASH!

Why Women's Attitudes to Pensions needs to Change

This topic is getting a lot of attention in the media at the moment and with good reason. In Ireland, men are much more likely to have a pension. This is something that needs to change and the sooner the better. Almost 70 per cent of part-time workers in Ireland are women. Women are also more likely to take career breaks, for things like rearing children. These factors have a huge impact on their contributions to any kind of occupational pension scheme and also, on their entitlement to the contributory state pension. That said, nobody can rely on the state pension alone…

- The age at which people are entitled to claim the state pension is on the rise…if you were born in 1961 or later you won't qualify for the state pension until you are 68!
- Based on the "averaging rule" used to calculate the number of contributions made by a worker, the less time spent in the workforce, the smaller the state pension you are entitled to.
- If you are married but do not qualify for a state pension you may be entitled to what is called a "qualified adult" pension but this payment is means-tested.

We are all living longer, more active lives and we need to ensure that women - as well as men - understand the benefit of financial planning as early as possible in their careers. Young women at the start of their careers are not the only ones who need to consider their pension requirements. A lot of women in their fifties are possibly thinking there is no point in doing anything about it now, that it's not going to make any difference, but this is absolutely not the case, saving for five years is better than saving nothing. Another very significant advantage of contributing to a pension is the capacity to earn significant tax breaks as you save for your retirement. To encourage us to save for our future, we will receive valuable support from the government in the form of tax relief. It's one of the most compelling reasons to save through a pension. Other forms of savings, like bank accounts or savings plans, do not attract such generous incentives.

Questions to ask yourself…

Did you have a pension as a PAYE employee before taking a career break to have children?
A financial broker will be able to review this pension for you and help you work out what investment choice might best suit you.

Are you a PAYE employee?
Large companies often contribute to an employees' pension but what you may not be aware of is that even if an employer doesn't contribute to your pension they have to offer you access to a pension scheme, usually called a Personal Retirement Savings Account (PRSA).

Are you self-employed and would like to set up a pension?
A financial broker will be able to discuss the various options available to you including letting you know how to make significant savings on your annual tax return while at the same time investing in a pension.

SCAN PHOTOGRAPHY SERIES - PART 4

by John Coveney

Welcome to Part 4 of our photography series. In this last issue of the SCAN before Christmas, I'm covering two topics: - a) printing your smartphone pictures and b) buying a big camera on a budget. We also have a photo competition!! I'll do the promised comparison of iPhone and Android cameras in the next SCAN in late January. As always, previous articles are at ***www.johncoveney.ie/shankill*** or in a PDF with clickable links at ***www.johncoveney.ie/scan-photography-series.pdf*** – usually with bonus content* that didn't fit in the print version. I hope readers are also getting out and practicing – it'll improve your photography . . . and your health! And please show your shots on the Shankill Photography Group on Facebook.

Printing from your Phone

Did you know that you can print shots straight from your phone at the Shankill Photo Centre on the Main Street in Shankill? First, download the free *Fujifilm Imagine app* from the App Store (iPhones) or Google Play (Android). The activation code is *DS1234.* You can upload shots remotely from your phone for collection or delivery (extra cost) of prints. Select images from your camera roll, chose prints, photobooks, cards etc. Pay with your credit card or PayPal and register to keep track of your orders. The minimum charge is €3 but prices go down to €0.15 per print for large orders. *OR*, you can go to the shop yourself and transfer shots to a kiosk for printing there and then. First, connect to the shop's Wifi, *Transpix,* and, in the app, choose "Transfer Pictures to Kiosk" and enter the six-digit code from the kiosk on your phone. Then follow your chosen options on the kiosk screen – and the staff are very helpful if needed.

Photo Competition

This month we have photo competition – for a prize of 100 7x5 prints or soft cover photobook from the Shankill Photo Centre. Upload your favourite shot to the Shankill Photography group on Facebook and state your local connection e.g. living or working here, regular visitor, grew up locally etc. You can also enter by handing in a print to the Shankill Photo Centre – and it doesn't have to be printed there! Mark the envelope ***Shankill Photography competition*** and include your name, phone number or email, where and when the shot was taken, and your connection to Shankill. We will scan the best prints for the Facebook group. The ***closing date is 5.30pm on Sat 13 January 2018*** when the shop closes. The winner will be announced in the next article. Copyright of all images remains with the photographers. By entering, you agree that that winning and short-listed images may be used by the Shankill Photo Centre and by John Coveney photography in connection with this competition. The full rules are in the series PDF*.

Buying a DSLR type* camera on budget

So far, this series has been about the camera you always have with you – your phone. But if you are thinking about getting a bigger camera, perhaps for Christmas, here's some budget options below. But first, ask yourself what types of shots do you want that you can't get with your phone. DSLR type* cameras can be expensive, complex, fragile and bulky and you will have extra costs for lenses and a bag, a computer and editing software, and perhaps a tripod.

1. Consider a "bridge camera" *. Nowadays, these have high quality sensors, and you can get a good all-in-one model with a big zoom lens from Canon, Nikon, Panasonic or Sony from €300 to €650.

2. Go for an entry level DSLR and kit lens in your model of choice – but the kits lenses typically have only a small zoom. Image quality of these entry level cameras is now very good, but their controls are slower than more expensive models. In Dublin, shops such as Conns Cameras, Bermingham Camera and the Camera Centre have Canon, Nikon, Sony & Panasonic bodies and kit lenses from about €430 to €550 with Olympus and Fuji in the €650-800 range.

3. If you buy locally, you get better service and easier returns, if necessary. New gear typically has a one-year guarantee. Also watch out for offers, sales and ex-demo stock.

4. You may get better prices from online EU dealers such eglobal central or UK sources such London Camera Exchange (LCE) or MPB.com but it can be more awkward if you need backup from a distance. Also consider using online prices to haggle with local dealers!

To illustrate this month's photography on a budget theme, here's a shot of Killiney Bay that I took in January 2007 with the bridge camera I had at the time, a Panasonic FZ30 – the current version is the FZ1000.

5. Buy-second hand locally from Conns or Berminghams or online from MPB and LCE. Typically, there's a six-month guarantee on second hand gear from dealers. Check your item thoroughly in the shop or on arrival, and again shortly before the guarantee expires. Camera bodies tend to lose value quickly and can be very good value second hand. Lenses don't depreciate as much but you can often sell them on without much loss if you change your mind. You may get better used prices if you buy privately or from sources such as adverts.ie but there's often no comeback if you get a dud. Here's a comprehensive checklist for buying second hand ***https://goo.gl/1qRAJj*** - more in the PDF version*.

6. For old or used Canon gear, you can get repairs done by Eoghan Murray of f/1.0 Camera Repair in Greystones. He also cleans sensors of all cameras. Of course, repair costs can reduce the savings of second hand gear.

That's it – don't forget the competition and a Happy Christmas & New Year to you all.

John Coveney Photography is based in Shankill. John captures high-quality images of People, Places and Wildlife, locally and all over Ireland with his phone and his big cameras. You can see his shots at www.johncoveney.ie and on his blog at www.johncoveney.ie/blog. Contact him 087 276 5158 or at pictures@johncoveney.ie and follow and like him on Facebook, Twitter & Instagram.

Rules for 2017 Shankill Photography Competition

1. The winning entry will be the one judged to be the most visually appealing, original and self-explanatory.
2. Entrants must state their connection to Shankill e.g. living or working in the SCAN distribution area, regular visitor, grew up locally etc. Entries may be refused from people who do not have a strong connection to the area.
3. Entries from people over 13 and under 18 must also submit written approval from a parent or guardian – this may be emailed to pictures@johncoveney.ie or handed in with print entries. Entries will not be accepted from people under 13 - the minimum age for a Facebook account.
4. Entries with recognizable people under 18 must also be accompanied by written or emailed approval from those people's parents or guardians.
5. To enter, join the Shankill Photography group on Facebook, upload your image and briefly state where and when it was taken and your connection to the area. Comments by group members on uploaded images will allowed subject to moderation by the judges to ensure they adhere to the friendly local spirt of the Group.
6. OR hand in a print to the Shankill Photo Centre – and it doesn't have to be printed there! Mark the envelope Shankill Photography competition and include your name, phone number or email, where and when the shot was taken, and your connection to Shankill.
7. The deadline for entries is 5.30pm on Saturday 13th January 2018 – when the Shankill Photo Centre closes on that day. Late or incomplete entries will not be accepted.
8. Only one entry per person is permitted.
9. There is no restriction on the subject matter of the image, except that images displaying partial or total nudity, graphic or violent content etc., or otherwise unsuitable for a local competition with a public audience, as decided by the judges, will not be accepted.
10. Any form of still photography, digital or film, but not a grab from a video, is acceptable including stitched panoramas, stacked images, composites & HDR.
11. Manipulation of images on the computer is also allowed provided the submitted image remains recognizably photographic in the opinion of the judges. All elements of the image must have been obtained photographically by the photographer.
12. All entries must be the exclusive work of the photographer.
13. The copyright of the images entered remains with the photographers, but The Shankill Photo Centre and John Coveney Photography may use the shots in connection to the competition.
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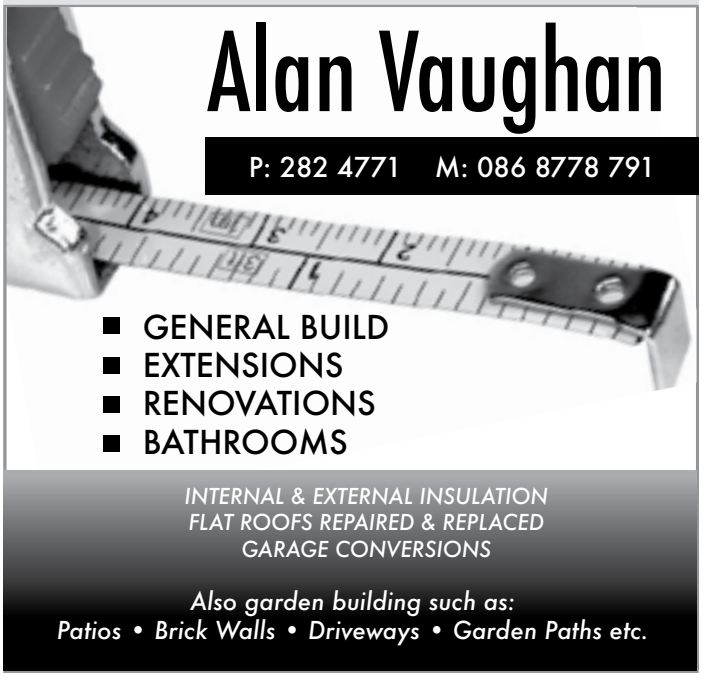

Ask a Councillor

Cllr. Carrie Smyth

ROAD SIGNAGE, SHANKILL

Question: *To ask the Chief Executive to review the road signage i.e. yield signs etc. at the Corbawn Lane/Dublin Road/Shanganagh Road Roundabout, Shankill?*

Reply: The Traffic Section has examined the location in question. Advance warning signs are located on all arms of the roundabout approximately 50m in advance of the roundabout. Yield signs are in place at the roundabout on all arms except the R837 (Dublin Road north) arm. The advance direction sign and yield sign on the Shanganagh Road arm of the junction have been damaged by passing traffic and needs replacing. A yield sign is required at the roundabout on the R837 (Dublin Road north) arm. The Traffic Section will work with Roads Maintenance to ensure the required signage is replaced or installed as required. Additionally, renewal of all road markings at the junction will be included in the October renewals list sent to DLRCC's lining contractor.

FOOTPATHS, STONEBRIDGE ROAD

Question: *To ask the Chief Executive if the footpaths at Stonebridge Road between Dublin Road and the two primary schools are wide enough to ensure all pedestrians are safe from the vehicular traffic?*

Reply: The footpaths on Stonebridge Road are of varying width ranging from 1.70m to 2.10m on the south side of the road, 1.15m to 1.40m on the northern side and 1.20m to 1.24m where the road crosses the railway bridge at the narrowest point. While some of these widths are below the current recommended minimum footpath width of 1.80m, providing additional width is restricted due to the railway bridge and property boundaries. However, to improve safety for pedestrians in the area and reduce vehicle speeds, Stonebridge Road has been traffic calmed with the provision of ramps. The road is also subject to a 3 Tonne weight limit restriction and has a 30kph speed limit and advance warning school flashing amber signals. It is also proposed to install some flexible bollards along the edge of the footpath on a section of the road as an additional safety measure for pedestrians.

Owner: John Broderick, A/Senior Engineer, Traffic Section.

FOOTPATHS, SHANGANAGH PARK

Question: To ask the Chief Executive to ensure the tarmacking of the footpaths in Shanganagh Park on the east of the DART line be included in the 2018 Parks Programme of Works?"

Reply: Quotations are currently being sought from contractors for the upgrade of a number of paths within Shanganagh Park, which include a number on the east side of the DART line within the Park. It is proposed that these works will commence December/January.

Councillor
CARRIE SMYTH

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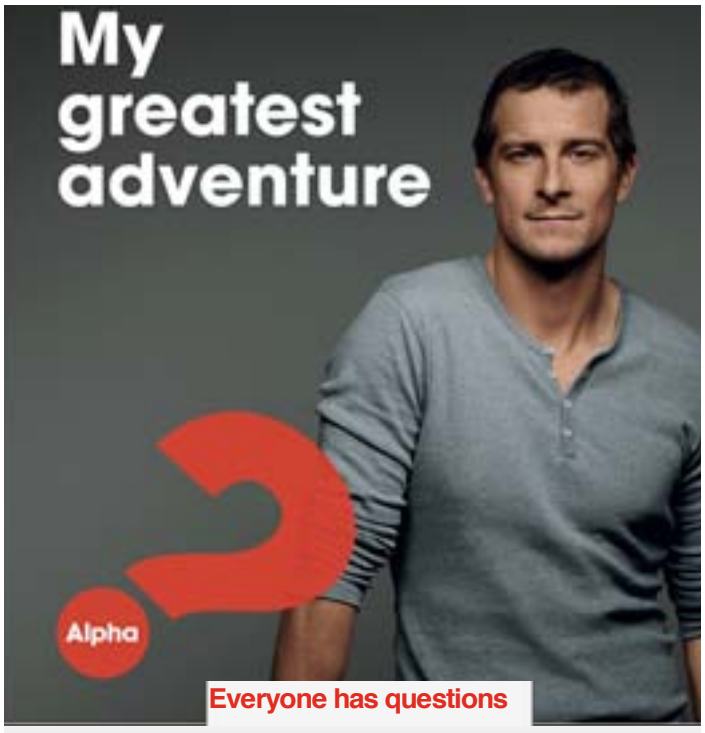

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SAGE is in the process of registering as a Sustainable Energy Community which will allow us to obtain the best deals on energy saving upgrades on behalf of the residents of Shankill. If you did not sign but wish that you had, then visit our Facebook site: SAGEShankill and take the link to our website and sign up, we will then be in contact when the Better Energy Community project gets underway.

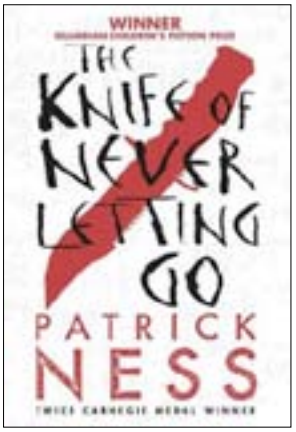
Tip Of The Month

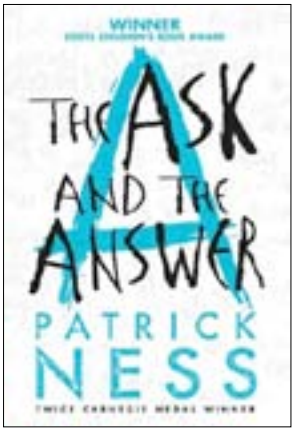
Starting in the New Year: walk or bicycle to school, work or the shops. Every litre of diesel or petrol unused saves about 2.5kg of CO_2 from being released into the atmosphere. It also saves the cost of 1lite of fuel; win/win. If each family with children in our primary schools left the car at home three days a week this would save about 100 tons of carbon dioxide per year, enough to make a real difference to the world and think what it could do for the health of our children and community. Public transport can be a very relaxing way of traveling to work and the savings in energy consumption for our community could be much greater than walking to school. Try it and enjoy.

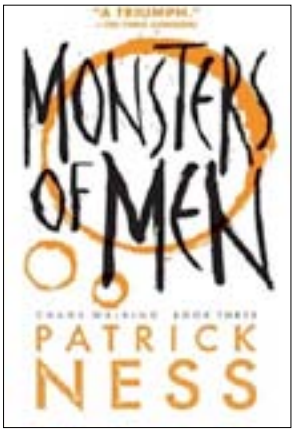
Patrick Davey – hopes to supply a tip each month.

Good Reads

By Lindsay O' Donnell







This is one of my favourite young adult book trilogies. Book one, 'The Knife of Never Letting Go' from 'The Chaos Walking' three-part trilogy. Book one on the series is a compelling read; with well-developed character and a fast paced storyline full of twists and turns. I could not put this book down, absolutely loved it.

The Knife of Never Letting Go follows main protagonist Todd and his dog, Manchee as they grow up in Prentisstown. However, this is not like any other town, here everyone can hear each other's thoughts in an overwhelming and never ending stream of noise. And when Todd stumbles into an area of complete silence, one month from his birthday that will make him a man, he suddenly realises everything in not as it seems.

A secret is uncovered, one so awful that Todd and Manchee must run for their lives. The book takes a sinister twist in this exciting plot with adventure along with amazing characters I couldn't help fall head over heels for. This is a perfect Halloween themed read, with glorious illustrations from Chris Riddell! This is a great read would recommend it highly to anybody who has a love for reading.

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News from Councillor Cormac Devlin
(Fianna Fáil)

Shankill residents will be pleased to know that starting this month (November), a pilot Bike Sharing Scheme will begin in Shankill. This is part of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council's initiative to encourage cycling within our County. The pilot scheme will be operated by BleeperBike and there will be no requirement to build or supply new bike racks/stands as the existing stands will suffice as they operate using 'SMART' technology. There will be 2 Bleeper bikes initially available in Shankill. The County wide scheme will host 100 bikes with just 40 bikes being made available in the first phase after which, the Council will assess the popularity of certain areas and include new ones. I welcome this pilot scheme as I believe it will be a very popular initiative within the County. We have seen how other similar schemes have been so successful. The location for all the BleeperBikes are as follows;

- 20 bikes will be located at: Shankill Village (2), Dún Laoghaire Town at the dlr LexIcon (5), Blackrock (5), Dalkey (4), Deansgrange (2) & Killiney DART station (2).
- Another 20 bikes will be available at; Cabinteely village (2), Dundrum (5), Stillorgan (4), Sandyford (5), Stepaside (2) & Meadowbrook Leisure Centre (2).

Membership to this scheme can be paid for on an annual or quarterly basis via membership to the scheme with fees charged on an hourly rate that includes up to 4 free trips.

"There are 60 other bikes deployed to other locations so I would encourage the public who may want a specific location included to email environ@dlrcoco.ie" said Councillor Devlin.

Shankilll Tennis Club News

Junior Championships

In a wonderful fun filled atmosphere, Shankill Tennis Club ran its Junior Club Championships during the school mid-term break again this year. Some 71 junior players took part, playing over 120 matches before ending the week on a glorious crisp Finals Day, Saturday, 4th November. The highest quality tennis was to be witnessed with some very tightly fought matches being played over the week.

At the end of a very enjoyable Finals Day, where the matches were played with great gusto and in an atmosphere of great sportsmanship, trophies and prizes were presented to the winners. Shankill Tennis Club is very grateful to the players and their parents who gathered each day to encourage their children and we thank them for all the practical assistance they provided in running the tournament. The Championships were a great success due to the commitment of all.

Junior League

Shankill's Junior League teams are really a force to be reckoned with at present. Of six teams entered in the DLTC leagues (Under 18 and Under 14), five teams made it out of their groups and into the play-offs. Two teams made it to semi-finals before being knocked out while the girls U-18 Class 1 team, and the boys U-14 Class 2 team reached the finals in Malahide on 12th November. Both teams were beaten in the Finals but the results overall are an outstanding achievement for a community club and are a tribute to the hard work and commitment of our junior players and of course to our fantastic coaches, Derek Healy and Arek.

Senior League Finalists

Congratulations on the terrific achievement also by our Ladies Senior League team who were runners-up to Castleknock in the Class 5 Final in Templeogue on 22nd October. Sincere thanks to all the many Shankill supporters who turned up in Templeogue to support the team.

Other News

December is a busy time in the club, with the Ladies and Mens Christmas Turkey runs being played on Sundays this year, Winter Woollies on a Friday night and preparation and practice for Winter League campaigns in early 2018. Meanwhile our VI (Visually Impaired) Tennis continues on Sunday mornings and there is much, much more. In our next issue, we'll have a report on the inaugural Shankill Senior Open, which took place in the indoor centre over two weekends in November, showcasing some of Ireland's best tennis. In the meantime, we wish all our members, and all in Shankill a very Happy Christmas!

Shankill Bowling Club

by Paddy Hughes PRO

The AGM of the Shankill Bowling Club took place in our Clubhouse on Thurs 2nd November. At 8 pm, a good attendance of over 40 members were present representing the three sections. Outdoor Mens, Outdoor Ladies and Indoor (mixed).

President Henry Bellew chaired the meeting and in the course of his speech told the meeting, what a wonderful club we are with everyone enjoying their bowling both outdoor and indoor.

He had a special word of praise for Pat O'Toole for his organising of the Tuesday Tournament, also 'The Turkey' competition on Thursdays coming up to Christmas.

Brian Brady came in for commendation for his compilation of the booklet showing all fixtures, committee members, and members' details.

There followed reports from the executive committee, with Margaret O' Neill's meticulous Treasurer's statement; Bridgie Frazer was happy enough with the Ladies staying up in their Div. one League. Our indoor players had some good performances with a runners – up in the Watson Shield with the team: E. Seery, A. Tyson, M. Hughes, P. Cannon.

There was a note of disappointment in the Mens 1st. Teams. Game by Mens Capt. Mick Dixon and it looks like we could do with a few new bowlers next season.

As there were no new nominations for the Outgoing executive, the present committee remains:
President: Henry Bellew
Vice President: Michael Ryan
Treasurer: Margaret O' Neill
Secretary: Brian Tuite
PRO: Paddy Hughes

Our annual Charity Bowls game in aid of the Samaritans vs Dun Laoghaire BC, will be played this year at home in Shankill on 30th. Dec. Donations and food parcels welcome.

THE WINTER LEAGUE is well under way and as always it's a lot more sociable than the others. On Saturday 11th November there were four teams playing on our green. Blackrock vs Herbert Park and Shankill vs Greenhills. It was an incredible sight to see 48 bowlers, ladies and men all on the green at the same time, having a game of bowls. It was well worth taking the photo of all our bowling friends.

Regarding new ladies wishing to join the club, I would like to point out that the best days to call in are Wednesdays from 2 pm also Tuesdays and Sundays for outdoor bowls with Mondays and Thursdays at 8 pm for indoor. Men can call in most days plus same for indoor.

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Shankill Tidy Towns – It's A Matter Of Pride

Currently your Committee is very busy improving the flower beds in the Main Street and re-housing the planters for the winter. You may have seen us clearing wet leaves from the footpaths to make the paths safer.

Our Community Walk (4 Castles and a Corn Mill) on October Bank Holiday Monday was a great success with over 50 participants. They all were very pleased with the historic details supplied by Rob Goodbody about all five sites. We had a bonus when we also had an impromptu visit inside Rathmichael Church courtesy of Mr Jeffrey Perrin. We are also very grateful to the owners of the sites for allowing us access to their land. Our gratitude also to the volunteers from Shanganagh Allotments who provided tea/coffee and goodies at the start of the walk, to John Brady and staff for the reception laid on for the participants at the end of the walk and the Community Gardai who ensured safe crossing at major junctions.

Fundraising is very much centre stage at present with:

(a) **Our Envelope Appeal** - If you have not already done so, please return your envelope – we have a very ambitious programme for 2018 which will require significant funding. Most people are happy to contribute but forget to actually put the money in the envelope and return it.

(b) **Table Quiz** - this annual event that was eagerly anticipated took place on Friday 17th November in the Tennis Club. A great night was had by all and we thank those who turned up and the local businesses who donated raffle prizes.

(c) **The Annual Calendar** is also anticipated by many residents who send copies to family abroad. Make sure to get your copy for €5 at the Christmas in the Village Fair, or from Gremma, Shankill Business Centre or The Resource Centre.

If we can arrange it, next year will see a more inclusive approach to the projects with the Residents Associations and/or individual Roads or Estates taking direct responsibility for their own area but with the Tidy Towns Volunteers doing most of the "heavy lifting". We hope to embark on a consultative process after Christmas to explain the situation and hopefully get more people on board with ideas and to share the work load.

Once again we repeat the primary purpose of our existence is to build a better community spirit by sharing our talents, our time and our energy and using the Tidy Towns Competition to benchmark our performance relative to other Communities both local and National.

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Shankill Classical Music Club

"Double dip" is the name Jim Bruce gave to his programme for the November meeting of the club, as several performers turned up more than once. To begin at the end: each half finished with substantial chunks of orchestral music conducted by Claudio Abbado: from the ballet *Daphnis and Chloé* by Ravel and from Beethoven's 6th *(Pastoral)* symphony, with the Boston Symphony and Vienna Philharmonic orchestras respectively.

These were the only purely orchestral pieces in the evening. The cellist Steven Isserlis turned up in reflective mode in a transcription by Liszt for cello and piano of one of his own songs, and in quasi-mystical mode in an extract from *The Protecting Veil,* a religiously-motivated piece for cello and orchestra written in the late 1980s by the English composer John Tavener, drawing on his commitment to the Russian Orthodox religion.

This was the most modern piece in the evening. Much the oldest was another religious piece, two extracts from the *Lamentations* by the late 16th century Spanish composer Alonso Lobo, probably a first hearing at the club of any of his music. The choir was that of Westminster Cathedral, from whom we also heard a short motet by the 20th century French composer Francis Poulenc.

Two more doubles completed the programme: the German tenor Fritz Wunderlich, who died in a car crash in 1966 shortly before his 36th birthday, in music for which he was celebrated: an aria from a Mozart opera and a song by Schubert. And the Russian pianist and conductor Michael Pletnev, in two arrangements for piano: a transcription by Liszt of a song by Chopin, and a selection from Tchaikovsky's ballet *The Sleeping Beauty,* in a dazzling transcription by Pletnev himself.

For full details of all the pieces and performers, see our website http://www.shankillclassical.org. Shankill Classical Music Club meets at 7.45pm on the first Wednesday of each month (except July and August) in the Old Folks' Association Centre, Lower Road, Shankill. New members and visitors are always welcome.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 6 December. Put the date in your diary now!

For further information see the website or ring John O'Hagan (087-210 9175).

1967 the year that BBC Radio 1 was born

by John McGuire

In this month's article we are going to have a close look at the period of greatest radio expansion, including the launch of BBC Radio 1, one of the most popular radio stations listened to by Irish audiences nowadays.

Between the 1940-1960 decades, more specifically after the war, the number of radio stations expanded rapidly worldwide. Around Europe, countries such as Russia, Greece and Poland, increased the number of services, broadcasting even in different languages.

In the 1950s, for instance, the number of transmitters around Europe increased from 566 to over 2000. It was in fact a period of great reconstruction included both AM and long-wave services. During this time Radio Luxembourg was one of most successful stations when it comes to commercial services, with a large audience throughout European countries.

Following the flow, in 1946 BBC also increased its services, providing content for different audiences. At that time, Home, Light and Third Programmes held listeners' attention all over Britain. However, the Home Service was more popular with a mix of lighter music, educational content, talks and news.

At this time, on the medium waves, pirate radio became a reality and broadcasted mostly American Top 40 music. The popularity was huge with audience close to 15 million. Johnny Walker and John Peel are examples of voices on pirate programmes, shifting later to legal radio stations. When it comes to BBC Radio, the year of 1967 was the most remarkable as BBC broadcast for the first time on Radio 1, the first legal pop music station. On the last day of September, Tony Blackburn welcomed BBC listeners with a loud "Good morning everyone, welcome to the exciting new sound of Radio 1". Flowers in the Rain by The Move was the first sound track played by the brand new National station. The arrival of BBC Radio 1, was a needed response to the growth of unregulated radios station such as Radio Caroline in Britain.

The Radio programmes combined pop music with easy listening and comedy programmes. From 7am to 7.30pm, pop music would be broadcast followed by lighter music and entertainment until 2pm. In the early days, Radio 1 and Radio 2 shared programmes, specifically in the afternoon. BBC Radio 1 only became totally independent from Radio 2 in 1978. At that time Radio 1 was on from 6am until midnight. The 24 hour format we now have started only in the 1990s. Male figures made up 100% of Radio 1 presenters in its very early days with DJs such as Tony Blackburn, John Peel and Kenny Everett. The first female voice to be heard was Annie Nightingale in 1969.

The decades of 1960-1980 also witnessed great initiatives in radio format worldwide. The growth of local radio stations, the appearance of FM radio and the variety of programmes broadcast brought significant changes in the way radio was perceived and those changes are still ongoing up until now.

Ask a Councillor

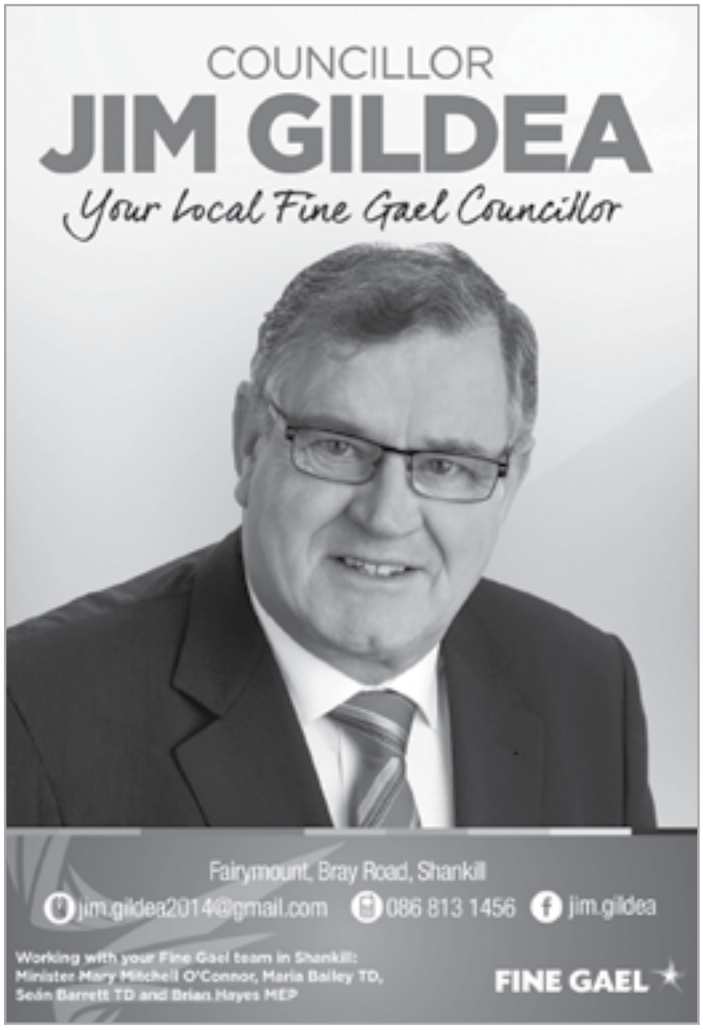
Cllr. Jim Gildea

Cherrywood Development

Two major planning applications have been lodged with DLR Co. Co. for extensive housing, retail and commercial development at Cherrywood.

Hines Cherrywood Development Fund ICAV lodged application Reg. Ref. DZ17A/0862 relating to 17.01ha on plots TC1, TC2 and TC4. The proposed development relates to a mixed-use town centre development comprising a gross floor area of 191,115sq.m in 15 blocks including: 1,269 residential units (115,332 sqm), Retail uses (20,284 sqm), High Intensity Employment (HIE) uses (22,946 sqm), Non Retail uses (31,115 sqm), Community uses (1,437 sqm). 204 bed and a 223 bed Hotels and a Primary Care Centre as well as a library and exhibition space are included in the plans. The 15 blocks are located above two & three levels of basement, below podium car parking and service areas which will create revised site levels across the site. For the most part blocks will range in height from 5 to 8 storeys over 2 & 3 level basements. Some buildings will be 2 storeys above the new ground levels. The Residential units will be a mix of studio, 1, 2 and 3 bed apartments. The basements of plots TC1 & TC2 will create a raised podium which will establishes new ground levels which generally follow the level of the existing Luas line.

William Neville & Sons have applied for permission Reg. Ref. DZ17A/0714 for a residential scheme of 322 units and a crèche facility in buildings ranging in height from 2 to 4 storeys. The units will comprise 242 apartments and 80 houses. The apartments will be mostly 1 and 2 bedroom units with three studio and seven 3 bed units included. The 80 houses will consist of 41 X 3-bedroom units and 39 X 4 bedroom units, ranging in height from 2 to 3 storeys. 76 of the houses will be in terraces of between 3 and 10 houses, with 2 pairs of semi-detached units. All houses will be provided with surface level car parking. Two separate basements are proposed which will accommodate 338 car parking spaces to serve the apartments and crèche and 242 bicycle parking spaces.



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DISABILITY SERVICES DART

Motion: *That this Area Committee agrees that in keeping with the spirit of the Councils "age friendly" and "disability" policies the CEO would as a matter of urgency commence a dialogue with Senior Management in Irish Rail around the provision of adequate facilities including staffing to service the needs of the elderly and those with disabilities at all Dart Stations within the remit of this area committee, to include an invitation to Irish Rail to meet and address the members to further discuss these matters.*

Report: At the Dun Laoghaire Area Committee (Municipal Services Business) held on the 23rd October 2017 correspondence received from Irish Rail in relation to staffing and accessibility levels at Dart Stations was presented to the members for their consideration.

Following a short discussion it was agreed that Irish Rail be invited to attend and meet with members to discuss this matter. A letter inviting Irish Rail to attend a future meeting of the Committee is currently being drafted. Once a response is received the members will be notified of same.

Cllr. Denis O'Callaghan

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my celtic twilight

by Paddy Connolly

Here's a question. What's the Irish for a mobile phone?

If you're anything like me you won't have the foggiest. After all, there were no mobiles when the ancient Celts arrived on these shores bringing their Celtic language with them. In fact, to tell you the truth, any Irish I had drummed into me at school was soon forgotten in the everyday humdrum of real life in an English speaking world. To the point where I would have been frankly embarrassed if someone walked up to me in the street and addressed me in the Gaelic.

A short notice in the September issue of Scan sparked my interest. Something about people meeting once a week for coffee and trying out their few words of Irish on each other.

So off with me one Thursday morning to Café One in the Barbeque. You can imagine how I felt, as embarrassed as hell that someone would say something to me and I wouldn't have a clue how to answer. Fit to crawl under the table! So what did I find when I arrived? Half a dozen people all more or less in the same boat as myself, all bravely making an effort to dredge up a few of those long forgotten words. All hoping to retrieve a smidgen of what they once knew. Luckily for the rest of us, one or two were that bit more proficient and able to give a helping hand to people like me. A lot of laughing showed that no one was taking things too seriously. Which went a long way to putting me at my ease. In fact the hour was up before we knew it.

I enjoyed myself so much that morning that I've been back every week since. For the coffee and the laugh. And yes, I've started to recover long-lost Irish words as well as learning a few new ones into the bargain. Plus I've made new friends in the process.

So what about all those new-fangled gadgets that surround us in these days of Facebook and Google? Computers, emails, social media. Is there any Irish for the technological age we live in? In fact, I've made an amazing discovery. An online dictionary called **Foclóir.ie**. It has words for everything! Just try it and see.

Okay! So what's a mobile phone in Irish then? Well, that would be *fón póca,* wouldn't it? Simple. *An-shimplí ar fad!*

Medal Winners!

Well done to the boy's GAA team on winning silver in the Cuala School's League on Thursday last 9th November. A great performance took place!

Cycling Safety

Cycling Safety Programme and its excellent coaches, Noel and Tony. The children derive much benefit and enjoyment from these lessons. They learn to cycle safely and the rules of the road necessary to keep them safe. They are also taught how to maintain their bikes in a roadworthy condition.

Expressing our Emojis!!!

Keeping up with the kids! The whole staff in Scoil Mhuire dressed up as Emojis for "Friendship Fortnight". All our emotions were on display that day!

Student Council Poetry and Art Competition

The Student Council organised a Poetry and Art Competition for the school. All classes took part, some wrote wonderful poetry and others produced beautiful artwork. The Student Council chose the winners and awarded the prizes at a special assembly. Pictured below are the prize winners from each class with their certificates.

Friendship Fortnight

Scoil Mhuire holds a Friendship Fortnight every year. This year each class teacher did lessons based on the importance of friendship. All classes had to learn the song "Count on Me" by Bruno Mars and a poem about friendship. There was also a poster competition based on the theme of friendship, the winners of which were chosen by The Student Council. The prizes were awarded at a Special Friendship Assembly.

Children watching the award ceremony.

Friendship Fortnight Prize Winners.

Shankill GAA Club

Paddy O'Brien R.I.P.

It is with deep sadness that we report the passing of Paddy O'Brien our Honorary President.
Paddy who was from Adamstown in Wexford had a long involvement with the GAA in Shankill. A founder member in 1976 of the Shankill Camogie Club and also a member of the then Shankill Hurling Club he gave freely of his time to promote the games he loved. In April 2013 when the call went out in the village for volunteers to revive the club Paddy was not found wanting. He was delighted to accept the position of Honorary President and was active in the club until his recent illness. Paddy could be found most Saturday mornings in Shanganagh Castle where he could keep a proud eye on the progress of his three youngest grandchildren Mary, Niall and David as they enjoyed the Academy.
Paddy will be missed in our club for his work, chat and banter and also the odd tip for a horse running in Leopardstown.
To Marie and family we extend our deepest sympathy.
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Looking forward to the future

During our four years in Shanganagh Castle the club has enjoyed phenomenal growth and we look forward to further expansion. The past year has seen significant milestones achieved and some of these are listed below:

- ***We fielded more under age teams in the 7 to 13 year's group in Hurling, Football and Camogie than ever before.***
- ***The under 8 & 9 boys football teams played in the Go Games tournament in Croke Park.***
- ***The juvenile Academy is thriving all year and is just €2 per child per week.***
- ***The Summer Camp registration had to be closed due to its popularity.***
- ***The membership fee was held at €80 and is great value.***
- ***The Men's adult football team continues to grow.***
- ***The Ladies adult football team will soon play their first match.***
- ***We have just opened our online club shop at www.shankill.gaa.ie***

We are very excited that at this time of the year of new life and the celebration of Christmas that our club has many events to look forward to in the New Year. Believe it or not we will be five years old next year and we are planning a big bash to mark the occasion. Thank you to everybody who helped the club over the year... far too many to mention by name.

Nollaig shona agus athbhliain faoi mhaise daoibh go leir.

Congratulations Con O'Callaghan

Congrats to Con O'Callaghan who won an All Star Football Award and also the Young Football Player of the Year Award 2017. Con was a coach at our Summer Camp earlier this year and a good friend of our club. Well done Con.

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the club will be held on Monday 29th January 2018 at 8.00pm in St Anne's Resource Centre Shankill. We invite all club members to come to the meeting and have their say on the future of the club. If you would like to stand for election to the committee or if you have a notice of motion to put on the agenda please forward your name or motion in writing to the club secretary ASAP.

Christmas Shopping

Remember to shop local for gifts and groceries this Christmas. Our local shops and business have been very generous to the club during the year. So now we can return the compliment by doing your shopping in our village. Also could you please "like" our sponsor of the month when it appears on our Facebook page.

Breaking news Club Shop on line

The Club Shop is now live on our Website home page at www.shankill.gaa.ie. All of our club gear is on view and you can select any item or several items, put in an order and pay online and the job is done.

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Rathmichael National School

We have had a rather active month. We are working on our Global Citizenship Flag. Towards this we collected shoeboxes for Team Hope. This has become an annual event. A wonderful display of over 150 shoeboxes arrived into school on 8th Nov. They were covered in Christmas Paper and families in the school had gone to great lengths to fill them over the midterm break. It is lovely to see the children thinking of others at this Christmastime and also to see the great enjoyment and satisfaction it brings to everyone.

Thinking of our own local community we collected items of non-perishable foods for Harvest this year. We delivered this to the local association SOFA (Shankill Old Folks association). Each member went home armed with a bag of goodies from the school. The produce also helps with occasions and festivities held in the centre over the next few months. Again a time of giving, remembering those worse off than ourselves. We at Rathmichael are particularly lucky and are in a position to help others and so we should when we can. A good thing for children to learn.

We held a Dress Up Day at Halloween which was a lot of fun. Staff and children entered into the spirit of the occasion. The PTA held a bake sale, also dressed up, joining us with our theme. Sometimes it's just good to feel good and have some fun!

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Junior Infants

By Alex Price

All the Junior Infant Classes this month made scary witches and dingle dangle scarecrows. This week their story is "Pizza at Sally's". They are making Pizzas from Art & Craft materials. Their 'play areas' are restaurants now too. The sounds they are learning are 'g' and 'o'. Ms Walsh's class also made Halloween Cards. Ms Black's class had a fancy-dress costume shop. Ms Woods' class are learning 'Mary had a little lamb'.

Ms. Aivalikli's 6th Class

By James Tiernan

Ms. Aivalikli's sixth class have been learning about Georgian Dublin this month. They have focused on the architecture and history of the time. Students have been doing PowerPoint Presentations and Reports on the topic. They also visited Collins Barracks to look at Georgian furniture and clothing and sketched The Four Courts too.

In English, they have been working on narrative writing - creating tension and using descriptive words. They will be writing their own stories soon.

"3…2…1 BLAST OFF!!"

For the month of October, we learnt about 'Space' in Ms. Olson's Senior Infant Class! During Aistear, we had so much fun pretending to be astronauts in our Space Centre Role Play Corner! We liked to sit in the Space Rocket, man the control panel and act out our rocket launch by counting down from 10 and shouting 'BLAST OFF!!' when the countdown reached zero! Once in Space, we pretended to walk around as if there was very little gravity around us!

In Art, we made puffy paint planets – we created a mixture of shaving foam, glue and paint and painted a thick layer of the mixture on to black card. When dry, the puffy paint had a sponge-like texture and our planets look great hanging outside our classroom! We also made these cool cardboard roll aliens!

October was a great month for S.E.S.E! In History, we learned that Neil Armstrong was the first man on the moon (alongside Michael Collins and Buzz Aldrin) and we watched a video clip of the Apollo 11 moon landing. We found this very interesting! Having learned many fun facts about Neil Armstrong, we were then able to construct a timeline of his life to develop our sequencing skills. In Geography, we learnt about our Solar System and all the planets within it. We pretended to be all the different planets orbiting around the sun! Finally, in Science, we really enjoyed doing rocket launch experiments! For our first experiment, we tried to get balloons to launch across a piece of string and we were very successful! In our second experiment, we used a vitamin C tablet to launch a film canister into the air. It was very exciting!

To take a look at videos of our experiments and Aistear time along with plenty of photographs of our artwork, please visit our twitter page – @MsOlsonsClass

SHANGANAGH CEMETERY: T.K. WHITAKER

by Gabriel Conroy

'Irishman of the Twentieth Century', 'Greatest Living Irish Person', and 'Architect of Modern Ireland'. These are just some of the tributes and accolades accorded to Thomas Kenneth Whitaker during his lifetime. When he died earlier this year, President Higgins described him as the 'most influential Irish person of the last century'. At a time when we are commemorating great names from the past, such as Patrick Pearse and James Connolly, it may seem odd that an economist and civil servant should receive such fulsome praise. After all, Pearse and his colleagues gave their lives for Ireland, literally. T.K. Whitaker, in contrast, enjoyed a pretty comfortable life as a senior government official. Why then should he be singled out as the 'Architect of Modern Ireland'?

The answer lies in a 249-page document entitled Economic Development, produced by Whitaker in 1958 when he was the country's top civil servant. The paper outlined how the government could increase employment and reduce emigration by stimulating growth in productive areas like agriculture, industry and tourism. This would mean spending less in areas like social housing, and focusing our scarce resources on attracting foreign direct investment and promoting international trade. However, as Whitaker's ideas were put into practice following decades of fiscal restraint, ministers were reluctant to cut back on so-called non-productive spending in order to fund the new expansion plan. So, despite Whitaker's warnings, government borrowing increased in order to bridge the gap between income and growing expenditure. While the country became more prosperous during the 1960s, Ireland's increased exposure to the global economy, coupled with higher levels of debt, left us vulnerable to external crises, such as the oil embargo in the 1970s and the recent banking collapse.

T.K. Whitaker was a high flyer from the start. In 1934 he achieved first place in Ireland when he sat the civil service exam. A little over twenty years later, at just thirty-nine, he became the youngest ever Secretary of the Department of Finance. He was only fifty-three when he left that job to become governor of the Central Bank, a position he held until 1976. Over the next two decades, Whitaker participated in many local and international bodies, from the Salmon Research Agency to the Trilateral Commission. Despite his association with radical economic ideas, he was innately conservative. He remained loyal to the Catholic faith of his youth, although he rather light-heartedly lamented the Church's abolition of Limbo. 'It was', he wrote, 'just the sort of place in which I would have been content to spend the next life, renewing close relationships and old friendships in pleasant surroundings'.

It is still too soon for a balanced assessment of Ireland's recent economic history and Whitaker's role in it. Nevertheless, in the popular mind there is no doubt about his contribution. T.K Whitaker is remembered as the man who brought Ireland from seemingly endless economic stagnation to at least the prospect of sustainable prosperity. He had reached his century when he died on January 9th 2017. He is buried in Shanganagh Cemetery.

Local History Society Lectures

Rathmichael Historical Society
Cormac Lowth will present his lecture *'Richard Bridges Beechey - Marine Artist and his Connections with Dún Laoghaire'* at 8 p.m. on Wednesday December 6th in Rathmichael National School, Stonebridge Road (Dublin Road end), Shankill, Co. Dublin.
All welcome – admission €4.

The AGM of the Society will take place at 8 p.m. in the same venue on Wednesday January 3rd and will conclude with a presentation by John Lennon on *'The History of Main Street, Dundrum'*. All welcome – admission €4.

The Old Dublin Society
James Scannell will present his lecture *'Christmas 1917 in Kingstown and Dalkey'* at 6.30 p.m. on Tuesday December 5th in Dalkey Public Library, Castle Street, Dalkey, Co. Dublin. All welcome – admission free.

James will present *'Christmas 1917 in South County Dublin'* at 6.30 p.m. on Tuesday December 19th in Stillorgan Public Library, St. Laurence Park, Stillorgan, Co. Dublin. All welcome – admission free. Further information from 01-288 9655; Email: stillorganlib@dlrcoco.ie.

Irish Railway Record Society
Tim Moriarty will present *'Photographic Endeavours - images from the Hon. Librarian's Slide Collection'* at 7.30 p.m. on Thursday December 14th in the IRRS Premises, Hueston Station, Dublin 8. Members and their guests only.

Clifton Flewitt.: will present *'Austrian Adventures – slideshow of Austrian scenes'* at 7.30 p.m. on Thursday January 11th in their Hueston Station, premises. Members and their guests only.

Kilmacud Stillorgan Local History Society
Rob Goodbody will present *'The Goodbodys and Perrys of Obelisk Park, Stillorgan'* at 8 p.m. on Thursday December 14th to the Kilmacud Stillorgan Local History Society in Glenalbyn Sports Club, Stillorgan, Co. Dublin.
All welcome – Contribution €3.

Enniskerry History Society
James Scannell will present his lecture *'The Went On Their Own: Dublin Firefighters and the Easter 1941 Belfast Blitz'* at 8.30 p.m. on Thursday December 14th in the Powerscourt Arms and Country House Hotel, Enniskerry Village.
All welcome – admission €5.

Brian White will present his lecture *'Enniskerry 1914 – 1918'* at 8.30 p.m. on Thursday January 11th in the same venue.
All welcome – admission €5.

Genealogical Society of Ireland
Fiona Fitzsimons will present *'Finding Women in the Sources'* at 8 p.m. on Tuesday December 12th in Dún Laoghaire Further Education Institute, Cumberland Street, Dún Laoghaire, Co. Dublin. All welcome.

Georgina Scally will present her lecture *'Newspapers and Genealogical Source'* on Tuesday January 9th in the same venue. All welcome.

Dun Laoghaire Borough Historical Society
Seamus O'Connor will present *'A History of Old Dun Laoghaire with Slides'* on Wednesday December 6th at 8 p.m. in the Royal Marine Hotel, Marine Road, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin. All welcome – admission €3.50.

Vincent Delaney will present his lecture *'History of the Water Wags'* at 8 p.m. on Wednesday January 17th in the same venue. All welcome – admission €3.50.

Bray Cualann Historical Society
James Scannell will present *'Christmas 1942 in Bray'* at 11.30 a.m. on Thursday December 7th in Ballywaltrim Library, Boghall Road, Bray. Admission free.

James will present *'Christmas 1917 in Bray'* at 11.30 a.m. on Friday December 8th in Bray Library, Eglinton Road, Bray. Admission free.

The AGM of the Society will take place at 8 p.m. on Thursday January 18th in the Royal Hotel, Bray, and will conclude with a talk by Brian White on *'1918 – Votes for Women'.*

Foxrock Local History Club
Harry Bradshaw will present *'From 2RN to RTÉ Raidio'* at 8 p.m. on Tuesday January 16th.

Myles Reid will give a short talk *'The remaining, the lost and the forgotten Gate Lodges in our area'*.
All welcome – admission €5.

Publications

'The Night of the Big Wind' by Peter Carr, published by White Row Press. During October 2017 Hurricane Ophelia passed over the country causing a vast amount of damage to property and tragically resulted in the deaths of three people, two of whom were killed by falling trees while a third was killed in an accident while trying to clear a tree from a road. As this storm approached the country, the National

Emergency Co-ordination Centre kept updating everyone on its progress and the steps to be taken once it made landfall on Monday 16th October 2017 and passed over most of the country.

The book records the massive storm that passed over the country on 6 January 1839 and was of such a magnitude that those applying for the old age pension in late 1908 prior to its introduction on January 1st 1909 were asked questions about it. If they were unable to produce documents confirming or proving that they were aged 70 or more, as one had to be aged 70 or more to apply for it.

In this fascinating and engrossing book Peter Carr reveals that in the absence of the weather forecasting as we know it today, the storm swept in from the West without advance warning and moved rapidly eastwards across the country inflicting death and destruction on vast scale on a population who received no advance warning of its approach.

Through the pages of this book Peter Carr chronicles the death and destruction that was inflicted on the country, county by county and by city and town. During this storm, houses were destroyed or severely damaged, the mud cabins of rural dwellers destroyed or blown away, while numerous other building were destroyed by fire with the high winds spreading these by carrying burning embers from one building to another. While many people were killed by falling masonry or other wind borne debris, collapsing chimney stacks caused the deaths of numerous people as these crashed through roofs on to those, mainly servants, sleeping under the rafters. Forestry plantations were devastated, rivers burst their banks and flooded the countryside, roads were blocked by fallen trees and other debris, ships were forced to take shelter and several sank at their moorings or were lost while at sea.

The devastation left behind by this storm was massive and extensive, and since only the wealthy had or could afford insurance, most people had to suffer the losses they had sustained and resume their lives as best they could afterwards.

This is a really excellent and fascinating book dealing with this momentous event, and the only one that has been published to-date dealing with this exceptional Irish weather event in which the author tells the story of this major weather event in a very clear and concise manner. An essential acquisition for anyone interested in Irish history or weather related events.

Shankill Old Folks Association (SOFA)

Mass was celebrated at the Daycare Centre on All Saint's Day 1st November by Fr James from St Anne's church. This allowed us to remember those no longer with us who attended the Centre in recent times.

Blinds have been installed in the conservatory and the new extension with a recent grant from Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council (DLR). This enhances the space in both areas and is very much appreciated. A side table (assistance tray) with a support attached to help the user get up from a chair independently has also been purchased. In addition this funding has allowed us to get specialist equipment for the elderly including cutlery. All of these items add to the comfort of those attending the centre and we are most grateful to DLR for this grant.

We like to play Scrabble on Friday afternoons with our new Scrabble board, and are looking for volunteers to participate with us. We are assisted by members of the Active Retirement Scrabble Group who play in St Anne's Resource centre (every Wednesday at 2.30pm).

Mary Tynan O'Mahony passed away in St Vincent's University Hospital in early November. She was a regular attender at the Wednesday Tea Club which she enjoyed.

Our cook Anna Lawlor is rightly proud of her son Eoin who recently won his ISKA title belt. He brought his belt along to the centre where it was admired and he was congratulated on his success. He has become expert in Muay Thai boxing, attending classes at Jai Sua in Shoreline, Bray.

Kitchen assistant Mark shows off Eoin's belt as he proudly looks on.

Anna with Eoin holding his title belt.

The Book Sale continues in the Centre on the first Saturday of every month. The next is on 2nd of December and the the first 2018 Book Sale will be on 6th January.

We wish our staff, volunteers and supporters Seasons Greetings and look forward to your continued support in 2018 and into the future.

PLANNING NOTICES

We are aware that some of the notices about planning applications and decisions are out of date by the time you receive your SCAN but we feel that our readers wish to know what is going on in their area. We would like to remind you to keep a look out for new planning notices and, if you feel that they could be of interest to you, go to the Planning Office in Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown County Hall, Marine Road and request to see the plans.

D17A/0898 Seeking Permission Date: 10-Oct-2017
Health Service Executive. Loughlinstown Ambulance Base, Dublin Road, Shankill, Co. Dublin
Permission for a canopy structure to cover existing ambulance parking/charging bays, proposed ambulance wash bay and ancillary site works.

D17A/0901 Seeking Permission Date: 10-Oct-2017
Amarinder Singh & Amy Poulton. Greenfield site adj. to 89 Mountain View, Crinken Glen, Shankill, Co Dublin
Construction of a new single storey 3 bedroom dwelling with connections to public mains sewers and services. Vehicular and pedestrian access exiting onto Mountain View. Landscaping and associated site works.

D17A/0928 Seeking Permission Date: 19-Oct-2017
Bill and Aoife Byrne. Brides Glen Road, Rathmichael, Co. Dublin
Demolition of (a) single storey dwelling (60sqm) (b) a steel fabrication workshop (76sqm) (c) a single storey residential ruin (26sqm). Construction of a replacement two storey dwelling with granny flat 228sqm. Installation of a wastewater treatment system and percolation area and all associated site works including revised boundary treatments and new vehicular entrance.

D17A/0933 Seeking Permission Date: 19-Oct-2017
Robert and Charlotte Norwood. Hayview, Old Rathmichael, Shankill, Co. Dublin
Permission for single storey Granny Apartment extension of 166sq.m area and associated site works, all within the curtilage of, but remote from, a protected structure.
D17A/0933 DECLARE APPLICATION INVALID
Date: 26-Oct-2017

D17A/0942 Seeking Permission Date: 24-Oct-2017
Gas Networks Ireland. Shanganagh Cliffs Druig, Shanganagh Cliffs, Co. Dublin
Permission for the installation of a 3m high 'lamp post' style relief vent stack servicing the existing below ground natural gas pressure reduction unit with all ancillary services and associated site works.

D17A/0972 Seeking Permission Date: 02-Nov-2017
Tudor Homes Ltd. Aubrey House, Quinns Road, Shankill, Co. Dublin
Permission for the re-design of the vehicular access, incorporating the existing entrance and associated walls and the modification to the layout incorporating the boundary treatment between the existing dwelling and the proposed site. (A Protected Structure)

D17A/0956 Permission for Retention Date: 26-Oct-2017
Vodafone Ireland Ltd. Brides Glen House, Brides Glen Road, Shankill, Co. Dublin
Retention permission (Previous ref: D10A/0487) of existing development consisting of a 22.5 metre high telecommunications support structure, antennas, equipment container and associated equipment within a fenced compound and access track.

D17A/0982 Seeking Permission Date: 07-Nov-2017
Joseph Redmond. Riversdale, Commons Road, Loughlinstown, Co Dublin
Permission for detached bungalow with new vehicular entrance, connection to all services and associated site works.

PLANNING DECISIONS

D17A/0759 GRANT PERMISSION Date 13-Oct-2017
Dom and Siobhan Hackett. Windrush, Shanganagh Road, Shankill, Co. Dublin
Permission for single storey dwelling house to the eastern side of 'Windrush'. Construction of new vehicular entrance and relocation of existing vehicular entrance on the existing 'Windrush' private access road.

D17B/0380 REQUEST ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
Date 09-Oct-2017
John and Linda Collins. Brandywyne House, Rathmichael Haven, Ferndale Road, Rathmichael, Co.Dublin.
Permission for a single storey family games room to side and rear extension along south aspect of existing house, and rear single storey storage area to north aspect of existing house. Associated and ancillary site development works.

D17B/0389 GRANT PERMISSION Date 17-Oct-2017
Marcus and Karen Wren. 17 Seaview Park, Shankill, Co. Dublin
Construction of a 23 sqm single storey extension to rear of existing dwelling, installation of 5 X velux type roof windows to existing north facing roof surface and 9 X velux type roof windows to existing south facing roof surface, conversion of existing attic space to provide attic rooms, internal alterations and minor elevational amendments, together with all associated site works.

D17A/0776 GRANT PERMISSION Date 24-Oct-2017
Annette and Bernie Fitzpatrick. 23, Shrewsbury Road, Shankill, Co.Dublin
Demolition of existing garage / kitchen to the side and rear, existing shed to the rear and chimney to the side. Construction of dormer extension to the side / front and new part single storey, part two storey extension to the side / rear including 2 X rooflights. New velux rooflight to the front. Widen existing gateway to 3.5m and all associated site, drainage and landscaping works.

D17A/0786 REQUEST ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
Date 26-Oct-2017
Paul Mahon. 13, Rathmichael Road, Shankill, Co. Dublin
Permission for alteration and two-storey extension of non-habitable cottage to provide a 3 bedroom dwelling, waste-water treatment plant and percolation area, new entrance gates and walls and associated siteworks.

D17B/0409 GRANT PERMISSION Date 01-Nov-2017
David Shannon and Susie Dillon. Fern Cottage, 32, Lower Road, Shankill, Co. Dublin
Permission for material alterations to existing cottage - inclusive of porch roof to front and velux roof light to front pitch of roof. Ground floor extension to rear with associated 2 X courtyards. One and half storey extension to rear with associated 2 X roof lights. Retention of permission for demolition of 2 X ground floor extension to rear of cottage. All associated site works.

D17B/0421 GRANT PERMISSION Date 02-Nov-2017
Lorraone Pamucku. 5 Shanganagh Cliffs, Shankill, Co. Dublin
Permission for ground floor only extension to rear and side of existing house and a porch to the front of the existing house and all ancillary works.

D17B/0422 GRANT PERMISSION FOR RETENTION Date 03-Nov-2017
Isabella McAllister. Crinken Lodge, Crinken Lane, Shankill, Co. Dublin
Retention for 23.2 sqm single storey flat roof extension and 21.2 sqm first floor flat roof extension to north and east of original 47.5 sqm part single storey / part two storey dwelling. Raising of east wall to create first floor flat roofed dormer.

D11A/0292/E GRANT EXTENSION OF DURATION OF PERM. Date 07-Nov-2017
Hilary Murray. 62 & 64, Dorney Court, Shankill, Co. Dublin
Permission for retention of two existing 2 storey dwellings, demolition of existing garden walls, erection of 2 storey 3 bed (100 sq.m) dwellings (semi-D) and 2 two and a half storey detached 4 bed (120 sq.m) dwellings (incl. attic accommodation) with vehicular access from Dorney Court and off street parking for 12 cars and associated site works.

APPEALS NOTIFIED BY AN BORD PLEANÁLA

D17A/0426 3rd Party Appeal against Grant of Permission. Date: 11-Oct-2017
Shankill Shopping Centre, Corbawn Lane, Co. Dublin
Demolition of an existing building and the construction of a mixed-use development comprising a two-storey building to accommodate a discount foodstore (supermarket) and ancillary off-license at first floor level, under croft parking at ground floor level and green roof, construction of a two-storey café, pharmacy, medical centre, a single-storey crèche and a single-storey electrical substation and switch room building, all on a 1.019 hectares' site.

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